

## Abstract

Water-soluble compositions comprising a lipophilic compound and a solubilizing  
5 agent of the general formula:



wherein:

10 X is a residue of a hydrophobic moiety,

Y is a residue of a hydrophilic moiety,

p is 1 or 2,

m is 0 or 1, and

n is an integer greater than or equal to 0

15 are disclosed. The lipophilic compound is preferably selected from the group consisting of water-insoluble ubiquinones, ubiquinols, vitamins, provitamins, polyene macrolide antibiotics, and mixtures thereof. The hydrophobic moiety is preferably a sterol or a tocopherol and the hydrophilic moiety is preferably a polyalkylene glycol. In some embodiments, the sterol is cholesterol or sitosterol,  
20 the tocopherol is  $\alpha$ -(+)-tocopherol, the polyalkylene glycol is a polyethylene glycol or its methyl monoether having an average molecular weight between 400 and 1000, p is equal to 1 or 2, m is equal to 0 or 1 and n is an integer between 2 and 18.